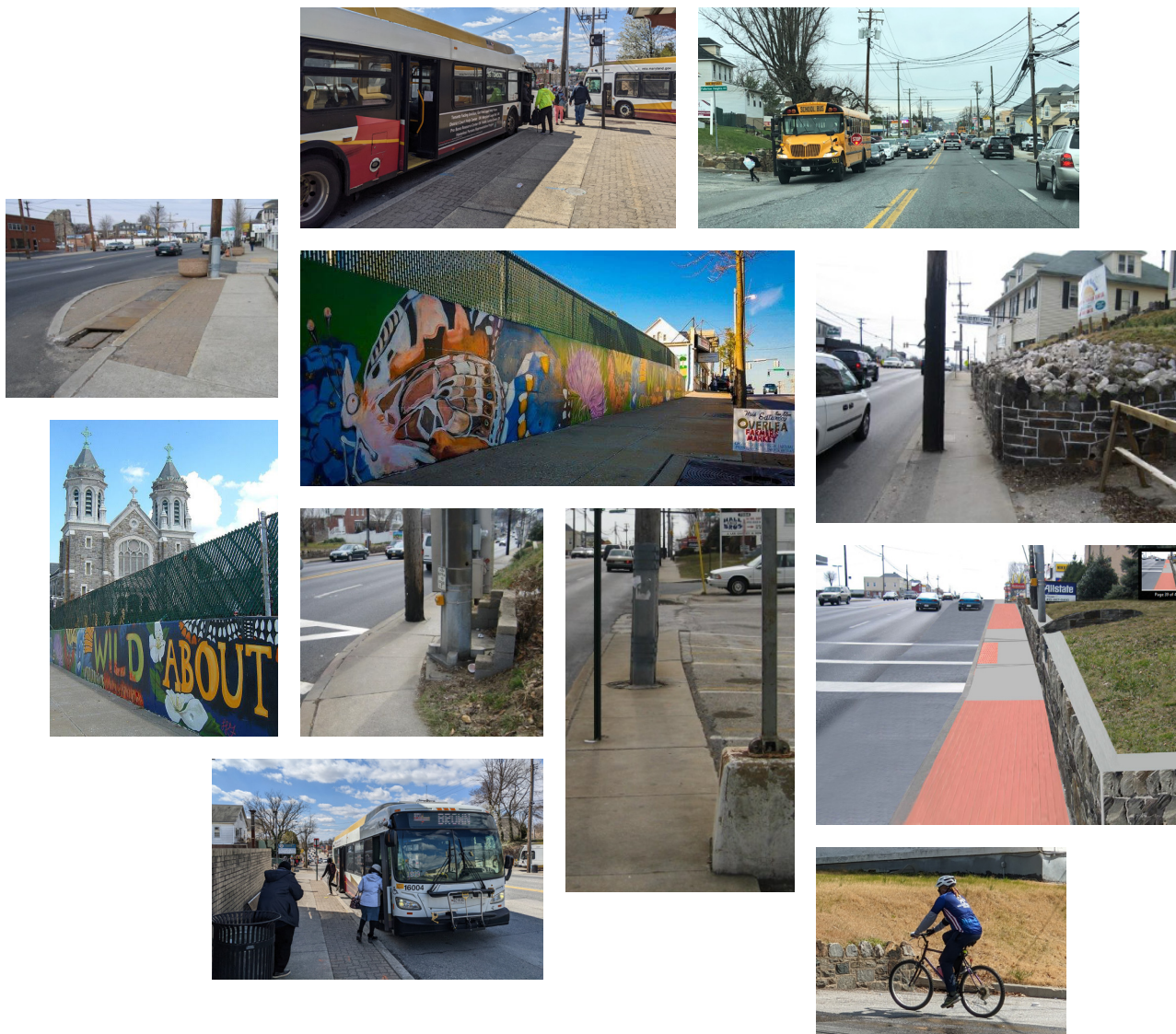




US 1 Overlea Community Safety Improvement Project



2022 RAISE Grant Application

Appendix C: Letters of Support

April 14, 2022



State Highway Administration
707 N Calvert St, Baltimore, MD 21202



Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

April 12, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

We write to express our full support for the Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration's (MDOT SHA) application for the US 1 Overlea Community Safety Improvement Project through the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program.

The US 1 Overlea Community Safety Improvement Project will add turn lanes and significantly enhance access and mobility through Americans with Disability Act (ADA) improvements and support active transportation on US 1 between I-695 and the Baltimore City line. Historically, US 1 has experienced long traffic queues during peak travel periods, creating congestion and safety risks. US 1 experiences suffers from pedestrian crash rates that are two times higher than the statewide average. The project area also contains a half-mile segment of US 1 that experiences pedestrian crash rates four times higher than the statewide average for similar routes. The proposal aims to address critical community safety concerns, reduce congestion delays, and provide more reliable travel times in order to support equitable access to opportunity and economic growth.

We understand that this critical urban project represents a strong partnership among MDOT SHA, Baltimore County, the US 1 Overlea community members and businesses, as well as elected officials representing this area, all of whom have expressed support of this project.

We request your full and favorable consideration for this significant project to enhance safety, strengthen economic competitiveness, promote environmental sustainability, and improve the quality of life in the Baltimore region and the Overlea Community.

Sincerely,



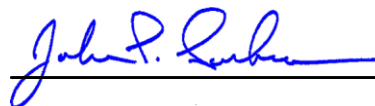
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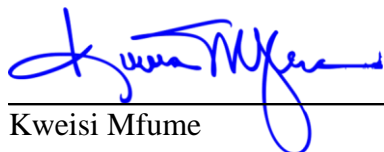
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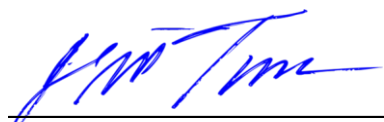
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Member of Congress



Anthony G. Brown
Member of Congress



Jamie Raskin
Member of Congress



David J. Trone
Member of Congress



LARRY HOGAN
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MARYLAND
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

April 11, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing to offer my strong support for the Maryland Department of Transportation's (MDOT) two applications for Rebuilding American Infrastructure for Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant funding. These important projects advance critical state and national economic development and infrastructure objectives.

The two projects include the following:

MDOT State Highway Administration (SHA), *US 1 Overlea Community Safety Improvement Project*:

MDOT SHA is seeking grant funding to add turn lanes and significantly enhance access and mobility through Americans with Disability Act (ADA) improvements and enable healthy, active transportation on US 1 between I-695 and the Baltimore City line. Historically, US 1 has experienced long traffic queues during peak travel periods, creating congestion and safety concerns. US 1 experiences significant pedestrian crash rates which are two times higher than the statewide average. Within this project area, there is a half mile segment of US 1 that experiences pedestrian crash rates four times higher than the statewide average for similar routes. The project will address critical community safety concerns, reduce congestion delays, and provide more reliable travel times in order to support equitable access to opportunity and economic growth. This application represents the strong partnership among MDOT SHA, Baltimore County, the US 1 Overlea community members and businesses, as well as elected officials representing this area, all of whom have expressed unwavering support of this project.

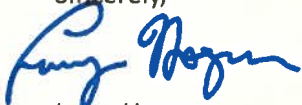
MDOT Maryland Transit Administration (MTA), *Building Baltimore Penn Station Connections Project*:

MDOT MTA is seeking grant funding to improve safety, multi-modal connectivity, efficiency, travel times, and access to economic opportunities both for Baltimore residents and all those who connect to and from Baltimore's Penn Station for work, pleasure, or to access services or education opportunities. The project provides multi-modal infrastructure investments around Penn Station to improve transit, walking, and bicycling connections to support the station's role as an intermodal hub in the heart of Baltimore City. This project complements Amtrak investments of over \$100 million in station modernization and expansion and Penn Station Partners' (PSP) \$450+ million transit oriented commercial development. The area around Penn Station will see increasing levels of economic growth as station redevelopment advances. The need for safe, fast, and reliable intermodal connections is critical.

A RAISE grant will unlock the ability of MDOT MTA – in collaboration with the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), Baltimore City Department of Transportation (BC DOT), and PSP – to transform the project area with benefits impacting all those who travel or connect through this important transportation hub.

I strongly support these grant applications and urge you to award the requested RAISE funds to these vital, transformative projects. Thank you for your time and consideration of these important grant applications.

Sincerely,

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Larry Hogan
Governor

KATHERINE KLAUSMEIER

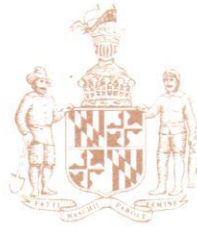
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The Senate of Maryland

ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

March 24, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

As the Senator representing Legislative District 8 in Baltimore County, I offer my full support for the Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA) application for Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant funding for the *US 1 Overlea Community Safety Improvement Project*. This critical urban project strongly aligns with the primary selection criteria providing significant safety, state of good repair, economic competitiveness, environmental sustainability, and quality of life benefits to the Baltimore region and the Overlea Community.

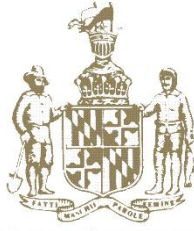
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I urge you to approve this regionally significant project. The application represents the strong partnership among MDOT SHA, Baltimore County, the US 1 Overlea community members and businesses, as well as elected officials representing this area, all of whom have expressed unwavering support of this project.

Sincerely,

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Senator Katherine Klausmeier



THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

March 21, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

We write to you today to offer our full support for the Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA) application for Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant funding for the *US 1 Overlea Community Safety Improvement Project*.

This critical project strongly aligns with the primary selection criteria providing significant safety, state of good repair, economic competitiveness, environmental sustainability, and quality of life benefits to the Baltimore region and the Overlea Community.

As legislators who represent the Overlea community, we hear often from constituents about the issues that they have with this stretch of US 1 - horror stories about people almost being in accidents or being struck by a car, as well as concerns with the sidewalks being in extremely poor condition or completely inaccessible.

The *US 1 Overlea Community Safety Improvement Project* will add turn lanes and significantly enhance access and mobility through Americans with Disability Act (ADA) improvements and enable healthy, active transportation on US 1 between I-695 and the Baltimore City line.

Historically, US 1 has experienced heavy congestion, especially during peak travel times, creating a myriad of safety concerns. US 1 experiences significant pedestrian crash rates which are two times higher than the statewide average. Within this project area, there is a half mile segment of US 1 that experiences pedestrian crash rates four times higher than the statewide average for similar routes. The *US 1 Overlea Community Safety Improvement Project* will address critical community safety concerns, reduce congestion delays, and provide more reliable travel times in order to support equitable access to opportunity and economic growth.

We urge you to approve this regionally significant project. The application represents the strong partnership among MDOT SHA, Baltimore County, and the US 1 Overlea community members and businesses - all of whom have expressed unwavering support of this project.

Sincerely,

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Delegate Carl Jackson

A blue ink signature of Delegate Harry Bhandari, written in a cursive style.

Delegate Harry Bhandari

A blue ink signature of Delegate Joseph Boteler, III, written in a cursive style.

Delegate Joseph Boteler, III



COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY
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March 22, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I, Councilwoman Cathy Bevins (Sixth District, Baltimore County), offer my full support for the Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA) application for Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant funding for the *US 1 Overlea Community Safety Improvement Project*. This critical urban project strongly aligns with the primary selection criteria providing significant safety, state of good repair, economic competitiveness, environmental sustainability, and quality of life benefits to the Baltimore region and the Overlea Community.

The *US 1 Overlea Community Safety Improvement Project* will add turn lanes and significantly enhance access and mobility through Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements and enable healthy, active transportation on US 1 between I-695 and the Baltimore City line. Since before I took office in 2010, the revitalization of US 1 is something that has been a major priority for the surrounding communities, organizations, and businesses. Considering the proximity to an elementary school (Fullerton Elementary) and the Maryland School for the Blind, I feel this project could greatly enhance the safety of our children and who utilize this road on a daily basis.

This proposal also has the potential to be massive for making the Route 1 corridor a major economic engine and hub for regional tourism. Route 1 in Overlea is home to the Natural History Museum of Maryland, who is in the process of expanding their operation. It is my belief that major upgrades to Route 1 would have an immense impact on making that a reality.

To put it bluntly, the current state of US 1 between the Baltimore City line and I-695 is atrocious. I was recently sent a photo of a wheelchair bound man who had to take to the street due to ADA noncompliance on the sidewalks. This is a tragedy waiting to happen, and my hope is that we can avoid that by bringing this corridor up to the appropriate standards.



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Investing in the *US 1 Overlea Community Safety Improvement Project* is long overdue and cannot move forward without strong collaboration between local, state, and federal governments. Providing funding for this effort would go a long way toward strengthening our local communities and businesses, while finally providing equitability mandated by the ADA.

I urge you to approve this regionally significant project. The application represents the strong partnership among MDOT SHA, Baltimore County, the US 1 Overlea community members and businesses, as well as elected officials representing this area, all of whom have expressed unwavering support of this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cathy Bevins".

Councilwoman Cathy Bevins
Sixth District, Baltimore County

March 30, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration (MDOT MTA) offers its full support for the Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA) application for Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant funding for the US 1 Overlea Community Safety Improvement Project. US 1 (Belair Road) is a key transit corridor that not only serves the Overlea community but connects the City of Baltimore with the suburban commercial centers of Putty Hill and White Marsh, providing access to thousands of jobs, retail and entertainment opportunities, and additional transportation connections. The MDOT MTA's CityLink Brown route serves the corridor every 20 minutes during peak periods. Boardings and alightings along US 1 in Overlea have grown since 2019, despite the Covid pandemic, and the MDOT MTA now averages over 1,400 boardings and alightings daily in the corridor.

Unfortunately, existing conditions in the corridor keep the route from reaching its potential: noncompliant ramps, inadequate boarding and alighting areas, broken sidewalks, and utility poles inhibit bus stop access, while traffic congestion reduces travel speeds. The US 1 Overlea Community Safety Improvement Project will effectively mitigate these challenges, improving transit access for pedestrians and reducing travel delays for passengers riding transit to, from, and through the corridor. Therefore, the MDOT MTA fully supports this effort and looks forward to partnering in its implementation.

Should you have any questions or concerns please contact Ms. Kate Sylvester, MDOT MTA Deputy Administrator at 410-767-3889 or ksylvester@mdot.maryland.gov. Ms. Sylvester will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,



Digitally signed by
Holly Arnold.
Date: 2022.03.30

Holly Arnold
Administrator

cc: Ms. Kate Sylvester, Deputy Administrator, MDOT MTA



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March 30, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

The Baltimore Regional Transportation Board (BRTB), the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region, is pleased to offer its support for the Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA) application for Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant funding for the **US 1 Overlea Community Safety Improvement Project**. This critical urban project strongly aligns with the primary selection criteria providing significant safety, state of good repair, economic competitiveness, environmental sustainability, and quality of life benefits to the Baltimore region and the Overlea Community.

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I urge you to approve this regionally significant project. The application represents the strong partnership among MDOT SHA, Baltimore County, the US 1 Overlea community members and businesses, as well as elected officials representing this area, all of whom have expressed unwavering support of this project.

The BRTB is committed to adding all funds awarded under this program to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) immediately upon award. This project directly responds to the safety and mobility goals identified in the Baltimore region's long-range transportation plan.

We strongly support MDOT SHA's development of projects to. The BRTB appreciates your favorable consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

Samuel Snead, Empowered Chair
Baltimore Regional Transportation Board

April 8, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590


Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the Maryland Transportation Commission, we are writing to express our full support for the Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA) application for Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant funding for the *US 1 Overlea Community Safety Improvement Project*. This critical urban project strongly aligns with the primary selection criteria providing significant safety, state of good repair, economic competitiveness, environmental sustainability, and quality of life benefits to the Baltimore region and the Overlea Community.

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We urge you to favorably consider this regionally significant project. The application represents the strong partnership among MDOT SHA, Baltimore County, the US 1 Overlea community members and businesses, as well as elected officials representing this area, all of whom have expressed unwavering support of this project.

Sincerely,



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Ex-Officio Member



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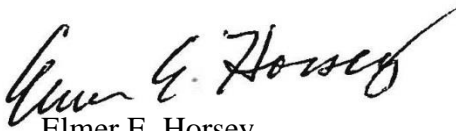
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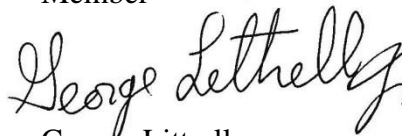
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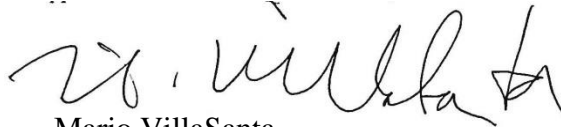
Rizwan Siddiqi
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Gregory I. Snook
Ex-Officio Member



Mario VillaSanta
Ex-Officio Member

cc: Mr. James F. Ports, Jr., Secretary, Maryland Department of Transportation



April 7, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of AAA Club Alliance, I write to offer our support for the Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA) application for Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant funding for the *US 1 Overlea Community Safety Improvement Project*. This critical urban project strongly aligns with the primary selection criteria providing significant safety, state of good repair, economic competitiveness, environmental sustainability, and quality of life benefits to the Baltimore region and the Overlea Community.

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I urge you to favorably consider this regionally significant project. The application represents the strong partnership among MDOT SHA, Baltimore County, the US 1 Overlea community members and traffic safety advocates, as well as elected officials representing this area. Approval of this important transportation project will increase traffic safety and mobility along one of Baltimore County's most traveled routes.

Sincerely,

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Ragina Cooper Ali
Public and Government Affairs Manager,
Maryland and Washington, D.C.
AAA Mid-Atlantic/AAA Club Alliance

March 24, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The Elmwood Belmar-Park Community Association offers its full support for the Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA) application for Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant funding for the *US 1 Overlea Community Safety Improvement Project*. This critical urban project strongly aligns with the primary selection criteria providing significant safety, state of good repair, economic competitiveness, environmental sustainability, and quality of life benefits to the Baltimore region and the Overlea Community.

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I urge you to approve this regionally significant project. The application represents the strong partnership among MDOT SHA, Baltimore County, the US 1 Overlea community members and businesses, as well as elected officials representing this area, all of whom have expressed unwavering support of this project.

Sincerely,



Sylvia M. Connolly
Secretary
Elmwood-Belmar Park Community Association

March 28, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

Linover Improvement Association offers its full support for the Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA) application for Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant funding for the *US 1 Overlea Community Safety Improvement Project*. This critical urban project strongly aligns with the primary selection criteria providing significant safety, state of good repair, economic competitiveness, environmental sustainability, and quality of life benefits to the Baltimore region and the Overlea Community.

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Sincerely,

Monica Offerman
President, Linover Improvement Association



March 21, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The Overlea Community Associate offers its full support for the Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA) application for Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant funding for the US 1 Overlea Community Safety Improvement Project. This critical urban project strongly aligns with the primary selection criteria providing significant safety, state of good repair, economic competitiveness, environmental sustainability, and quality of life benefits to the Baltimore region and the Overlea Community. The US 1 Overlea Community Safety Improvement Project will add turn lanes and significantly enhance access and mobility through Americans with Disability Act (ADA) improvements and enable healthy, active transportation on US 1 between I-695 and the Baltimore City line.

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Sincerely,

Melissa Davis, President
Overlea Community Association
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The Maryland School for the Blind

March 23, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The Maryland School for the Blind offers its full support for the Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA) application for Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant funding for the *US 1 Overlea Community Safety Improvement Project*. This critical urban project strongly aligns with the primary selection criteria providing significant safety, state of good repair, economic competitiveness, environmental sustainability, and quality of life benefits to the Baltimore region and the Overlea Community.

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Sincerely,

Dotty Raynor
Communications Specialist



The Natural History Society of Maryland

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March, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
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Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

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The US 1 Overlea Community Safety Improvement Project will not only improve access and mobility on the US 1 corridor, but it will also improve its appearance and offer a less stressful drive to our facility. As the Natural History Society of Maryland continues to grow, we will attract more visitors from around the state and better, safer access is important for that growth. We will also host school groups from the Baltimore region and improved roads will mean safer, more comfortable travel for our children.

I urge you to approve this regionally significant project. The application represents the strong partnership among MDOT SHA, Baltimore County, the US 1 Overlea community members and businesses, as well as elected officials representing this area, all of whom have expressed unwavering support of this project.

Sincerely,

Joseph McSharry
Executive Director
The Natural History Society of Maryland



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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

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March 23, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary, Buttigieg:

Rosedale Federal Savings & Loan offers its full support for the Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA) application for Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant funding for the *US 1 Overlea Community Safety Improvement Project*. This critical urban project strongly aligns with the primary selection criteria providing significant safety, state of good repair, economic competitiveness, environmental sustainability, and quality of life benefits to the Baltimore region and the Overlea Community.

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Sincerely,
Tina Gale

March 28, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The Linover Improvement Association offers its full support for the Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA) application for Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant funding for the *US 1 Overlea Community Safety Improvement Project*. This critical urban project strongly aligns with the primary selection criteria providing significant safety, state of good repair, economic competitiveness, environmental sustainability, and quality of life benefits to the Baltimore region and the Overlea Community.

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The Linover Improvement Association is a community association in the Overlea-Fullerton area that makes up over 1400 households. Members of the Linover Improvement Association have advocated for over a decade for improvements to US 1. This includes the *US 1 Overlea Community Safety Improvement Project* and the Overlea-Fullerton Community Plan. We have attended meetings with MDOT SHA and have testified at town halls with the Baltimore County House of Delegates and with the Baltimore County Executive. US 1 is one of our most discussed topics at community meetings due to issues such as ADA accessibility and car accidents. Sadly, a resident of the Linover Improvement Association lost their life on US 1 in December 2019. We need the *US 1 Overlea Community Safety Improvement Project* to help keep our community safe.

We urge you to approve this regionally significant project. The application represents the strong partnership among MDOT SHA, Baltimore County, the US 1 Overlea community members and

businesses, as well as elected officials representing this area, all of whom have expressed unwavering support of this project.

Sincerely,

Matthew Klimm

*Board of Directors of the Linover Improvement Association
Linover Improvement Association Citizens on Patrol Chair*

March 24, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

My name is Caitlin Klimm-Kellner and I am a lifelong resident of the Overlea-Fullerton community. I offer my full support for the Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA) application for Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant funding for the *US 1 Overlea Community Safety Improvement Project*. This critical urban project strongly aligns with the primary selection criteria providing significant safety, state of good repair, economic competitiveness, environmental sustainability, and quality of life benefits to the Baltimore region and the Overlea Community.

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Secretary Buttigieg, I have a unique perspective on the *US 1 Overlea Community Safety Improvement Project*. I have lived right off of US 1 my entire life off of both the east and west side on streets that are only accessible via US 1 and are both in areas that were marked opportunity zones by the state for this project. My neighbors and I have planned our days out in advance to travel US 1 at “slower” times where we feel safer turning on to or off of our street. Accidents are a regular occurrence. We have had a resident of the Linover area lose their life turning off of their street onto US 1. Just earlier this year, a pedestrian was struck and killed in the same area where the resident I previously mentioned was killed. I have seen people in wheelchairs and motorized scooters have to travel into oncoming traffic to get to their bus stop or medical center because the sidewalks aren’t ADA accessible. Parents with strollers and small children are out in US 1 since sidewalks have poles in the center of them.

US 1 in Overlea has the opportunity to be a Main Street and flourish with economic growth and support small businesses that the community wants and needs. Add this Main Street opportunity with a strong history such as being a stop during the 1913 Women’s Suffrage Movement, to being accessible to Linover Park, and being the center road for strong community groups such as the Linover Improvement Association and the Overlea Community Association. US 1 and the neighboring communities need the

US 1 Overlea Community Safety Improvement Project to continue to make this area a true gem in Baltimore County.

I urge you to approve this regionally significant project. The application represents the strong partnership among MDOT SHA, Baltimore County, the US 1 Overlea community members and businesses, as well as elected officials representing this area, all of whom have expressed unwavering support of this project.

Sincerely,

Caitlin Klimm-Kellner

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